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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN DIALOGUE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

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1. IN OUR CONVERSATION THIS MORNING, MWAANGA ASKED THAT WE REEMPHASIZE TO SAG HIS AND GRZ DESIRE THAT NO PUBLI-CITY BE GIVEN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER. AS RESULT VORSTER DISCLOSURE IN 1971 OF EARLIER SAG-GRZ EXCHANGES, "NATURALLY" THERE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DISTRUST.

2. MWAANGA REFERRED BRIEFLY TO SOME ISSUES HE WILL WISH RAISE.

(A) SAG ATTITUDE AND INTENTIONS TOWARD MOZAMBIQUE. HE REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF MERCENARY ACTIVITY IN MOZAMBIQUE AND OF INDICATIONS IN SA PRESS ADVERTISEMENTS MERCENARY RECRUITMENT POSSIBLY BEING CONTEMPLATED. HE NOT REASSURED BY WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS WAS SAG MESSAGE TO PORTUGUESE DECLARING SOUTH AFRICA HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING ANY ACTION RE MOZAMBIQUE, "PROVIDED LAW AND ORDER PREVAILS." WHO, ASKED MWAANGA, DECIDES WHETHER LAW AND ORDER PREVAILS?

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(B) HE WILL URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD ATTAINMENT OF NAMIBIA SELF-GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE. AS ALMOST ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AGREES, SOUTH AFRICA HAS NO LEGITIMATE CLAIM TO "DIRECT ROLE" IN NAMIBIA.

(C) MWAANGA SAID SOUTH AFRICA IS QUITE DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE CITED THE FIRST PARAGRAPHS OF THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO, PARTICULARLY STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT NO ONE QUESTIONS SOUTH AFRICA'S STATUS AS AN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE OR THE LEGAL PRINCIPLE THAT ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE ITS OWN CONCERN, SUBJECT TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REST OF THE WORLD TO ACT IN DEFENSE OF HUMANITY. MWAANGA SAID HE WILL URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO BEGIN TO TAKE POSITIVE STEPS MODIFYING ITS INTERNAL POLICIES TO BRING THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION INTO THE POLITICAL MAINSTREAM.

3. THOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION IT, WOULD EXPECT MWAANGA TO URGE AS WELL THAT SOUTH AFRICA, IN ITS OWN INTEREST, PHASE OUT ITS SUPPORT OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA.
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